

Year Groups: 4/5 –
Hawks & Buzzards

Term/weeks: Spring 2

Redland School

Reading

This term, we will continue with our much-loved book 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' as our daily whole class reading book. The children will have weekly comprehension lessons. Hawks and Buzzards will also get the opportunity to read/perform poetry. We will be focusing on earning and performing well known poems by a range of poets, in particular, Michael Rosen.

Writing

We will continue to base a lot of our English writing on our class book. We will learn how to write from a range of perspectives, how to use speech to advance action and understanding how our word choices can enhance our writing through the use of a thesaurus. We will also continue to understand how to use different clauses in our sentences, add fronted adverbials and use parenthesis. The children will be using film clips from 'Literacy Shed' as a stimulus for narrative writing.

Computing

Coding

Children will be completing a coding unit this term in computing, learning to: create a program using event, object and action code blocks, then describe the algorithms they create.

Maths

Hawks and Buzzards: Hawks will begin the term by completing their division unit and methods and then use their multiplication and division knowledge to answer word problems. They will then have a unit on length where they will learn how to measure in km and m and the equivalent lengths, followed by perimeter of shapes. Later in the term, they will begin a fractions and decimals unit (Buzzards also percentages), understanding, ordering and converting mixed numbers / improper fractions, and adding and subtracting fractions.

Times Tables will continue to focus on practising all times tables, in preparation for the National MTC check in June. We will play Times Table Rockstars and Hit the Button to help learn these and children will continue to have weekly individual tests based on their personal target.

Geography

We will be finding out about our European neighbours, specifically Scandinavia. We will be learning about the physical and human geography of Scandinavia as well as its similarities and differences to the UK. We will also investigate the culture in Scandinavia, presenting our findings in different ways. At the end of the topic, we shall be sampling foods from this part of the world.



**Our European Neighbours:
Scandinavia**

RE:

We will be finding out about the question: *'Is forgiveness always possible for Christians?'* We will be learning to understand how Jesus' life, death and resurrection teaches Christians about forgiveness through the Easter story.

PSHE:

'Healthy Me' - we will be looking at what it means to be healthy. We will be focusing on the effects of smoking and alcohol on our bodies. We will discuss the importance of healthy friendships.

What's on...

- Monday 2nd March – Parents' evening
- Wednesday, 4th March – Parents' evening
- Thursday, 5th March – World Book Friday
- Friday, 27th March – End of term

NB

Please continue to support your child with their weekly homework and ensure it is handed in on time. (every Tuesday)

PE

Hawks: Cricket with Mr Murphy

Buzzards: Cricket with Mr Murphy

Group one has one more swimming session after half term, then group 2 will start their 8-week swimming block in week 2.

French

We will be learning vocabulary for places in a town and practising giving and receiving directions. We will also be building sentences using nouns, verbs, prepositions and adjectives.

Science

We will be learning about the properties of materials in terms of magnetism, transparency and hardness. We will also test materials for electrical conductivity and insulation. Finally, we will explore the uses of everyday materials such as plastic, metal and wood.